

A Claim 13, line 1, change "claims 1-12" to:

-- claim 1, --

B Claim 14, line 1, change "claims 1-13" to:

-- claim 1, --

C Claim 18, line 1, change "claims 1-17" to:

-- claim 1, --

D Claim 20, line 1, change "claims 14-19" to:

-- claim 14, --

E Claim 21, line 1, change "claims 14-19" to:

-- claim 14, --

F Claim 22, line 1, change "claims 1-21" to:

-- claim 1, --

G Claim 25, line 1, change "claims 23-24" to:

-- claim 23 --

H Claim 26, line 1, change "claims 23-25" to:

-- claim 23, --

Cancel claim 27.

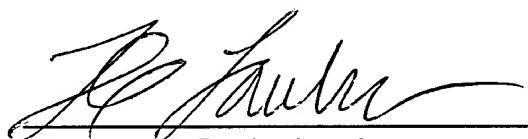
#### REMARKS

Prior to first action and before calculation of the Government filing fee, applicant has amended the claims to avoid the presentation of claims on multiple-dependency form.

Favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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